

**INVESTIGATIVE REPORT:**

This report pertains to an investigation of the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the Great War 1914-1921.

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**Report Date:** 4 April 2016

**Reason for Submission:** ("X" means purpose of the report)

<b>Casualty Identification:</b>		<b>Burial Information:</b>	
Confirmed Identity	X	Burial Location Identified	X
Most Probable Identity		Grave Stone Correction	
Questionable Identity		Grave Records Correction	X
Incorrect Identity		Request for CWGC Details	
Other		Other	

**Supporting Documents:** (# refers to attachment number; "I" information provided)

<b>Casualty Identification:</b>		<b>Burial Information:</b>	
Simmonds, Percy Charles	i	Nine Elms Military Cemetery	<a href="#">link</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion	i	Pas de Calais, France	i
Lance Corporal #21242	i	Plot 1 Row G Grave 21	i
Death 24 April 1917	<a href="#">link</a>	Date of Burial / Exhumation	i
Attestation Papers	<a href="#">link</a>	Cemetery Schematic	<a href="#">link</a>
Service Record	n/a	Graves Registration Report	8
Circumstance of Death	1	Concentration of Grave	9
CEF Canada Register	2	Headstone Register	10
War Diary Extract(s)	3	Burial Area Comparison	11
Area Map(s)	4	Trench Map Exhumation	
Trench Map(s)	5	Grave Stone Photograph	
Possible Candidates List	6	Grave Stone Inscription	
Excluded Candidates List	7	Memorial Inscription/Photo	
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**Summary of Findings:**

The Graves Registration Report form for Plot 1 Row G Grave 21 lists a Lance Corporal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Battalion killed in April 1917.

The database of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) is clear in that only one (1) Lance Corporal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion is listed on the Vimy Memorial for the period of April 1, 1917 to April 30, 1917. That is Lance Corporal Percy Charles Simmonds #21242.

## Details of Findings:

The findings are conclusive that the remains in Plot 1 Row G Grave 21 are those of Lance Corporal Percy Charles Simmonds #21242 of the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Division. There are no other Lance Corporals killed in action in April 1917 that belonged to any 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Infantry or otherwise.

The findings are based on the following:

1. The *Circumstance of Death* record for Lance Corporal Percy Simmonds states that he was killed in action on 24 April 1917 in the trenches at Farbus (Attachment #1). There is no indication of the place of his burial.
2. The *E-13 War Graves Register* confirms that there was no known location of burial for Lance Corporal Simmonds; therefore his name was added to the Vimy Memorial for Canadian soldiers of the Great War with no known grave (Attachment #2).
3. The War Diary for the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade for the period of April 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 1917 tells us that the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion had come in from Mont St. Eloi to Posen Haus in the area of Willerval and Farbus Wood (Attachment #3). On the 22<sup>nd</sup> the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion relieved the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion in right support so the 4<sup>th</sup> could move in to relieve the 14<sup>th</sup> Battalion in the left front line. The Operational Orders for [24 April 1917](#) called for the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Infantry Battalion to take leave at the OLD GERMAN FRONT LINE that was then occupied by the 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion (51b.A.10.d). This was also in the area that had been designated as the [Salvage Area](#) for the 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion, who were responsible for clearing the dead and burial in this area. Sector A.10.d was central to the area and the location of 1<sup>st</sup> Division Burial Ground identified as CA2.
4. The area where the Canadians made their advance on Vimy Ridge is depicted in an extract of Nicholson Map 9, which shows Farbus Wood in the direct path of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade, which included the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion (Attachment #4). For clarity, Farbus Wood has been marked with a large blue arrow.
5. A period Trench Map from the collection of the Imperial War Museum has been annotated to show the area at Farbus Wood in relationship to the 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion battlefield clearance and salvage area, with a marking for the location of the remains at **51b.A.10.d.3.5** (Attachment #5). The path of the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion to and from this area is illustrated on the basis of the information provided in the Battalion War Diary as noted above.
6. A search of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) database for Lance Corporals of the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion returned results for three (3) candidates (Attachment #6). Of those three candidates shown, only Lance Corporal Percy Charles Kingsford Simmonds was with the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Ruygrok #474074 was with the 44<sup>th</sup> Battalion and Tice #193205 was with the 24<sup>th</sup> Battalion.

7. To ensure that all candidates were checked, a spreadsheet of all the Lance Corporals lost at Vimy in April 1917, whose names appeared on the Vimy Memorial, was prepared and colour coded by Division and Brigade (Attachment #7). The purpose of this analysis was to confirm that there were no cases where the Lance Corporal may have been with the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of another unit (i.e. machine guns, trench mortars, engineers, etc.). There were a total of 55 Lance Corporals with unknown graves of which 22 were in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division, 10 of these in the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade and only 1 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion. There are no other 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion references.
8. The *Graves Registration Report Form* (GRRF) states that Plot 1 Row G Grave 21 in the Nine Elms Military Cemetery contains the remains of an UNKNOWN Lance Corporal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Battalion (Attachment #8). The date of death is noted as April 1917, with no specific date, thus our requirement to account for all 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Lance Corporals in the month of April. As we have detailed in the preceding analysis, Lance Corporal Simmonds was the only casualty that fit these criteria.
9. The *Concentration of Graves Exhumation and Re-burials Burial Return* (COG-BR) records a number of bodies that were exhumed from **51b.A.10.d.3.5** which was known as "CA 2 Roclincourt" (Attachment #9). That indicates that it was a specified burial site prepared by the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Division. The specific form lists eleven (11) sets of remains that were exhumed from this area. The records of all of the identified remains in this set were examined in this analysis. A cross had marked the location of this burial ground. The UNKNOWN Lance Corporal was noted as being exhumed and reburied in Plot 1 Row G Grave 21 at the Nine Elms Military Cemetery, Thelus.
10. There was initial concern with this case that there may have been errors in the transfer of information between the documents, specifically as it referred to the recording of the remains belonging to a Lance Corporal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion Canadian Infantry. The concern arose as a result of the wording on the COG-BR and the GRRF, where the GRRF in a number of cases refers to the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion for the men and the COG-BR does not. This issue was resolved with an analysis of the Headstone Register (Attachment #10). In particular, note that the register for Grave 1.G.22 does not state 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, which coincides with the crossing out of the unit number on the GRRF. For grave 1.G.23 the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion is recorded, as it is stated on the GRRF. The GRRF for 1.G.21 is marked the same as for 1.G.23.
11. During the review process there was also the question of the movement of the men of the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion from Farbus Wood back to the 13<sup>th</sup> Battalion salvage and burial area at the Canadian Burial Area "CA 2" where the "C" designates Canadian and the "A" designates the 1<sup>st</sup> Division. The grid reference for this burial site is **51b.A.10.d.3.5**. This was resolved through an examination of other burial records, such as that of Private Arthur Ernest Beattie #213738 (Attachment #11). Private Beattie, who appears on the same COG-BR file as Lance Corporal Simmonds in Plot 1 Row G Grave 25, was exhumed from the same location and was also killed in action at Farbus Wood.

The reference location of the exhumation is also provided as “*¾ miles South South East of Neuville St. Vaast, 3 ¾ miles North of Arras*”. That is the same location that is also specified for Private Henry Bloomfield #800144 and Private Herbert Cockett #427642, both of whom are listed on the same COG-BR as Lance Corporal Simmonds for **CA 2 at 51b.A.10.d.3.5**.

**Action Required:**

The “Investigative Report” has been prepared in accordance with the procedures and criteria set out by the CWGC, should they wish to make any changes to the commemoration details (Attachment #12).

The results are clear that there was only one (1) Lance Corporal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, or any other 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of a Canadian unit, that had an UNKNOWN grave and was thus recorded on the Vimy Memorial. The location of the burial ground and the movement of remains concurs with the actions taken at that time to initially move the bodies to Canadian Burial Ground CA 2 and then to the Nine Elms Military Cemetery.

# ATTACHMENT #1

1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAME	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES
21242	Lance Corporal	SIMMONDS, (D.C.M.)	Percy Charles Kingsford
5. UNIT OR SHIP	6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. H.Q. FILE NO.	8. RELIGION
4th Battalion	24-4-17	640-S-13549	Unitarian
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
Killed in Action			
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
Trenches at FAIRUS			
NOTE.—Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.			
12. CEMETERY	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
		Grave..... Plot..... Row.....	
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPOSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.			

M. P. W. 3643  
2500-10-22  
H. Q. 1772-30-1488



# ATTACHMENT #2

FORM E13  
1054-10M-16-11-16.

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E-13

*auth o/s file*

NUMBER 21242 RANK ~~I/C.~~ NAME SIMMONDS P.C.K. D.C.M. *auth n/p 43644*  
UNIT 1st Central Ontario Regt 4th Battalion NEXT-OF-KIN 48043  
FILE NO. R.L. 649 S. 13549

DATE OF DEATH	CAUSE AND PLACE OF DEATH	CAS. SHEET NO
24-4-17	Killed in Action	A/647

DATE OF BURIAL	PLACE OF BURIAL	DESCRIPTION OF GRAVE.
X	VIMY	MEMORIAL

# ATTACHMENT #3

## 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade War Diary – April 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 1917 (hyperlinked)

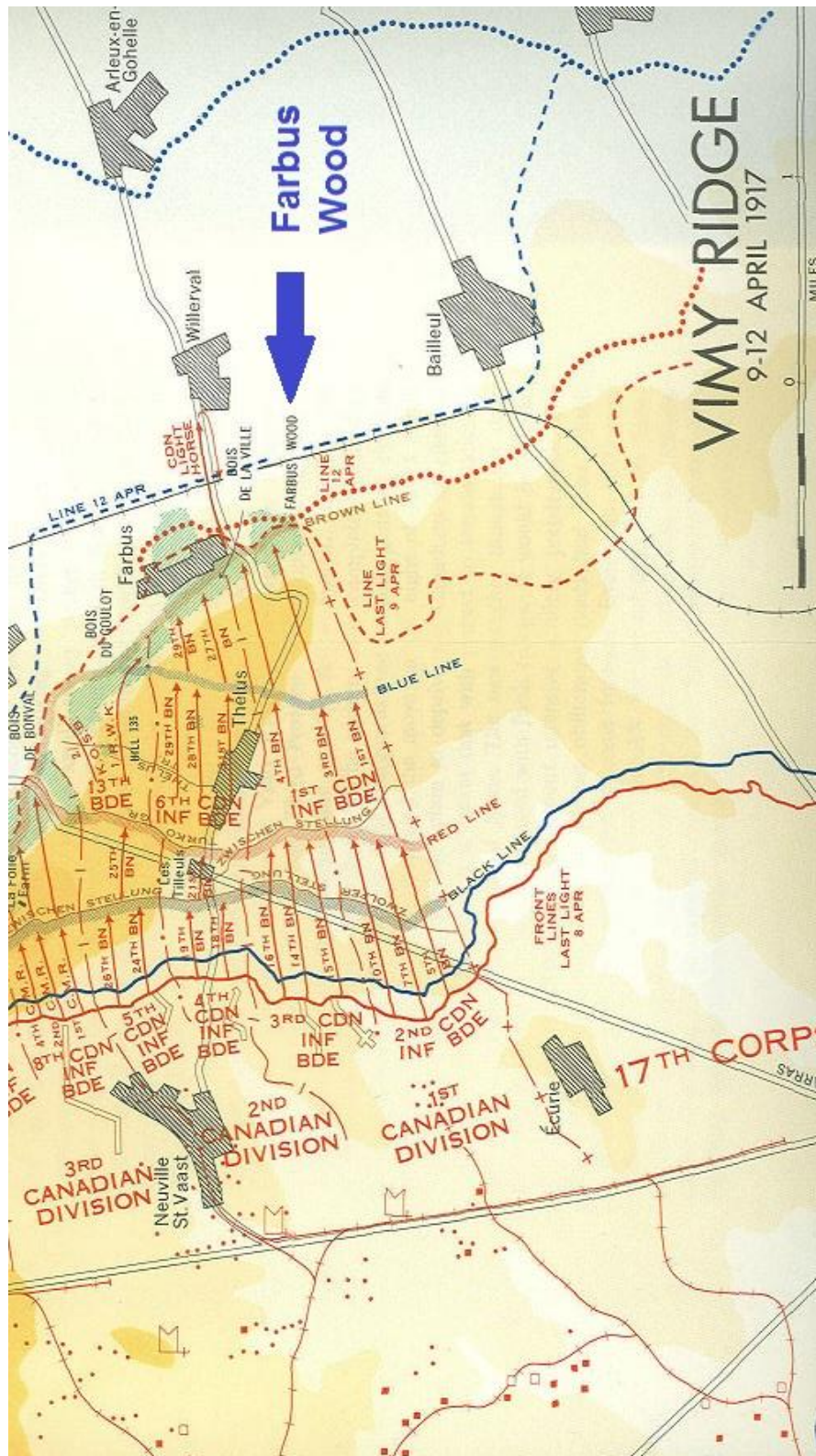
WAR DIARY				1st. Canadian Infantry Brigade.	Army Form C 2118.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY				(Erase heading not required).	
Place.	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	21	Remarks and references to Appendices
Posen Haus.	21st.	9.10 a.m.	Division on our left sent up the S.O.S. to which our artillery promptly responded.		
	22nd.		Clear and bright, visibility good. At 3.00 a.m. the B.M. visited the 3rd. Battalion in WILLERVAL. At 10.00 a.m. the G.O.C. and O.O. visited the forward area. The enemy shelling was active all day intermittently, shelling WILLERVAL, the railway, FARBUS WOOD, BOIS de VILLE principally. Enemy planes were active all day. The 1st. Battalion relieved the 4th. Battalion in right support. The 4th. Battalion relieved the 14th. Battalion in left front line. Relief complete 11.30 p.m.		
	23rd.		Clear and bright, visibility good. Our artillery was active all day. Enemy shelled our area intermittently all day. Gas alert in force. A few gas shells were put into FARBUS WOOD. The G.O.C. visited forward area and 3rd. Battalion Headquarters in the afternoon.		
	24th.		Clear and bright. Enemy artillery active shelling different locations in our area. At 12.30 noon the B.M. visited 8th. British Brigade Headquarters. Gas alert on. The G.O.C. and O.O. visited the forward area.		
	25th.		Dull and cloudy in the morning, clearing at times in the afternoon. Our artillery active all day shelling enemy wire and defences. The G.S.O. 1 and B.M. visited forward area at 4.00 a.m. At 2.00 p.m. the G.O.C. visited the forward area. Gas alert on. The enemy artillery shelled our area intermittently all day. The B.M. visited forward area at 8.00 p.m. for purpose of supervising work of digging the jumping off trenches, which was done by working parties of the 1st. and 2nd. Battalions. At 3.00 p.m. O.O. No. 138 issued.		App. 35.
	26th.		Dull and cloudy. At 7.00 a.m. O.O. 139 issued. Our artillery carried out usual programme of fire, cutting enemy wire and destroying principally his front line defences. Enemy artillery active searching for our battery positions. A good deal of aerial activity on both sides several machines being brought down. At 9.30 p.m. and 11.30 p.m. the 3rd. and 4th. Battalion supplied 200 men each for purpose of digging jumping off trench about 200 yards in front of ARLEUX LOOP.		App. 36.
	27th.		Relief by 2nd. C.I.B. completed at 3.15 a.m. Dull and cloudy. The Brigade is now located as follows - Brigade H.Q. NEUBURGER HAUS. 1st. Canadian Battalion MAISON BLANCHE area. 2nd. Canadian Battalion A.15. central. 3rd. Canadian Battalion Red Line. 4th. Canadian Battalion Old German front line.		

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4. Details of the relief will be arranged between G.Os. concerned.
5. Guides will rendezvous at Commandant's House at 8 p.m. on the 26th instant and be in the proportion of one guide per platoon and one officer per company, and one officer per battalion headquarters.
6. There must be no movement over the crest of FARBUS HILL before dusk.
7. On completion of the relief the units of the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade will move into the following localities:
  - 1st Canadian Battalion: MAISON BLANCHE, Area at present occupied by 14th Canadian Battalion.
  - 2nd Canadian Battalion: A.15. Central unoccupied at present.
  - 3rd Canadian Battalion: The RED LINE, Area at present occupied by 15th Canadian Battalion.
  - 4th Canadian Battalion: OLD GERMAN FRONT LINE, Area at present occupied by 13th Canadian Battalion.
  - 1st Canadian H.Q. Company: SAUSAGE REDOUBT.
  - 1st Canadian T.M. Battery: OLD GERMAN FRONT LINE.

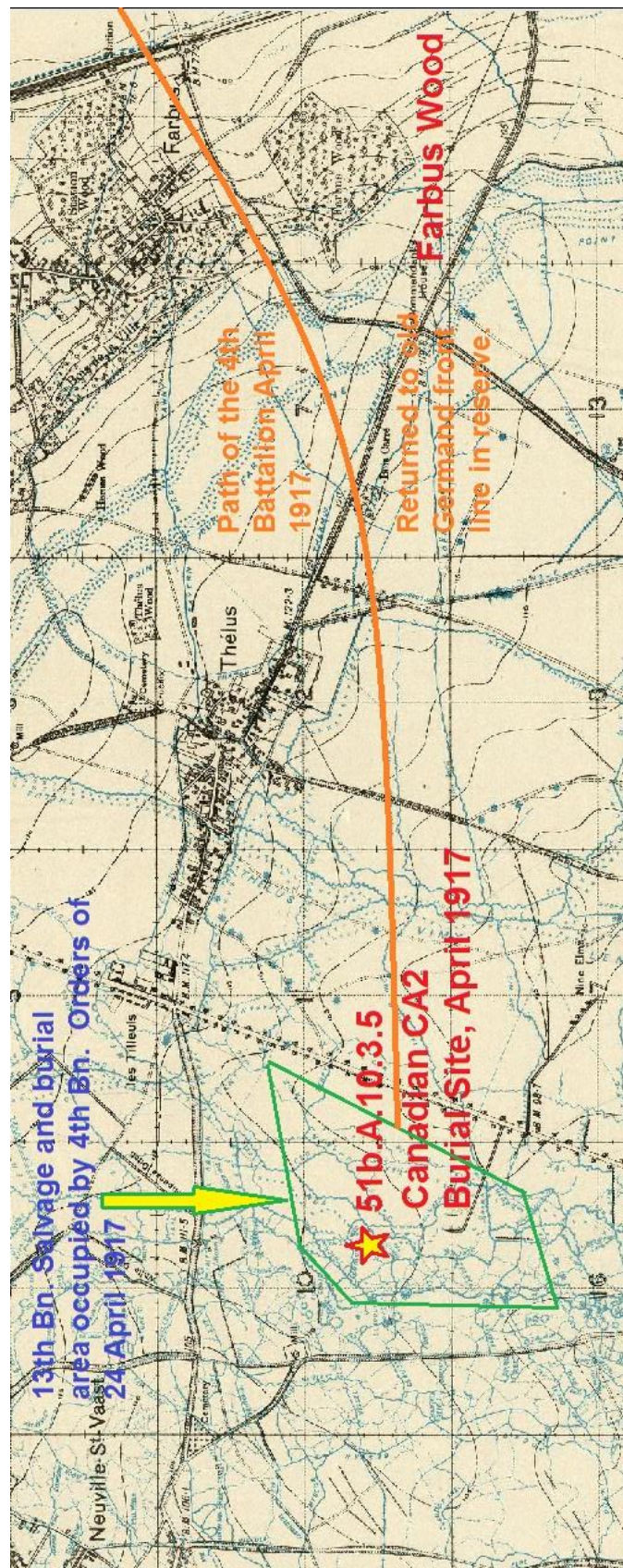


# ATTACHMENT #4





# ATTACHMENT #5



ATTACHMENT #6

Initials

Forename

Country  
(commemorated in)

Country

Cemetery or memorial  
Vimy Memorial

War  
Please select

Date of death: (starting)

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Date of death: (ending)

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3 record(s) match your search criteria

Name	Rank	Service Number	Date of Death	Age	Regiment / Service	Service Country	Grave / Memorial Reference	Cemetery / Memorial Name	Docs.
RUYGROK, WILLIAM FREDERICK	Lance Corporal	474074	12/04/1917	48	Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	
SIMMONDS, PERCY CHARLES KINGSFORD	Lance Corporal	21242	24/04/1917	36	Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	
TICE, PERCY WALLACE	Lance Corporal	193205	14/04/1917	36	Canadian Infantry	Canadian		VIMY MEMORIAL	

Ruygrok is 44th Bn.

Tice is 24th Bn.

L.Cpl. Percy Simmonds

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# ATTACHMENT #7

surname	forename	death	Division	Brigade	unit 1	unit 2	#
HEWER	FREDERICK NORMAN	09-04-17	1st	1st	3rd Bn.		'427293'
SIMMONDS (D.C.M.)	PERCY CHARLES KINGSFORD	24-04-17	1st	1st	4th Bn.		'21242'
KING	FRANK RICHARD	09-04-17	1st	2nd	5th Bn.		'147392'
EARLS	REUBEN	13-04-17	1st	2nd	8th Bn.		'790983'
ATKINS	GEORGE FRANCIS	28-04-17	1st	2nd	10th Bn.		'183563'
BROWN	DONALD ARCHIBALD	29-04-17	1st	2nd	10th Bn.		'184095'
CROASDALE	HARRY	28-04-17	1st	2nd	10th Bn.		'A/26030'
CROSS	DUNCAN	09-04-17	1st	2nd	10th Bn.		'19704'
EVANS	CHARLES EDWARD	28-04-17	1st	2nd	10th Bn.		'A/26227'
HARRIS	WALTER AUGUSTUS	09-04-17	1st	2nd	10th Bn.		'466741'
IBBOTSON	ALLEYNE	28-04-17	1st	2nd	10th Bn.		'467532'
JOHNSON	ERNEST EDWARD	28-04-17	1st	2nd	10th Bn.		'20637'
KEARSE	HERBERT WILLIAM	28-04-17	1st	2nd	10th Bn.		'174314'
TULLOCH	JOHN	28-04-17	1st	2nd	10th Bn.		'184160'
EDWARDS	ANDREW DAVID	09-04-17	1st	3rd	13th Bn.		'204115'
HOYLAND	CHARLES HENRY	10-04-17	1st	3rd	15th Bn.		'602139'
TOMPKINS	GUY	09-04-17	1st	3rd	15th Bn.		'444265'
CHANDLER	REGINALD	09-04-17	1st	3rd	16th Bn.		'28823'
HOWIE	JAMES	09-04-17	1st	3rd	16th Bn.		'628188'
LATIMER	ARCHIBALD	09-04-17	1st	3rd	16th Bn.		'426344'
LAYCOCK	WILLIAM WILKINSON	09-04-17	1st	3rd	16th Bn.		'70022'
McPHAIL	ROBERT	09-04-17	1st	3rd	16th Bn.		'426601'
EVANS (D.C.M.)	JOHN	28-04-17	1st		CMGC	"2" Coy	'448088'
BELCHER	CECIL RUSSELL	09-04-17	2nd	4th	18th Bn.		'123194'
BARDELL	HAROLD	09-04-17	2nd	4th	19th Bn.		'408059'
BURNS	JOSEPH CHARLES	09-04-17	2nd	4th	19th Bn.		'124726'
TICE	PERCY WALLACE	14-04-17	2nd	5th	24th Bn.		'193205'
MOSHER	CARL	28-04-17	2nd	5th	25th Bn.	"D" Coy.	'68421'
COOK	HERBERT WILLIAM	09-04-17	2nd	5th	25th Bn.		'414551'
MYERS	GEORGE E.	29-04-17	2nd	5th	25th Bn.		'67620'
HOWE	ALFRED WILSON	10-04-17	2nd	6th	27th Bn.		'430671'
COOPER	HERBERT ARTHUR	09-04-17	3rd	7th	42nd Bn.		'192472'
WESTCOTT	FREDERICK GILBERT	09-04-17	3rd	7th	42nd Bn.		'419002'
GIBSON	RALPH MILTON	09-04-17	3rd	7th	PPCLI		'487442'
WILEY	GEORGE PERCY	09-04-17	3rd	7th	RCR		'1033245'
DINGWALL	WILLIAM	7/10-04-1917	3rd	8th	1st CMR		'424744'
LYONS	SAMUEL DOUGLAS	7/10-04-1917	3rd	8th	1st CMR		'150479'
ROONEY	THOMAS JOSEPH	09-04-17	3rd	8th	2nd CMR		'116039'
SPEARS	THOMAS NELSON	09-04-17	3rd	8th	2nd CMR		'464166'
NEVERS	REUBEN LUDLE	09-04-17	3rd	8th	5th CMR		'710084'
RUYGROK	WILLIAM FREDERICK	12-04-17	4th	10th	44th Bn.		'474074'
GRANT	ROBERT HENRY LEE	10-04-17	4th	10th	46th Bn.		'887039'
KEMPTON	JOHN	10-04-17	4th	10th	50th Bn.		'160163'
NOBLE	THOMAS H.	10-04-17	4th	10th	50th Bn.		'434718'
ANDREWS	JOSEPH WILLIAM	09-04-17	4th	11th	75th Bn.	"A" Coy.	'163278'
MORTON	WILLIAM	09-04-17	4th	11th	75th Bn.		'136606'
JOHNSTON	WILLIAM CAVEN	09-04-17	4th	11th	87th Bn.		'145491'
HENDY	WILFRED GEORGE	09-04-17	4th	12th	38th Bn.		'788848'
RUSSELL	WILLIAM	09-04-17	4th	12th	72nd Bn.	"D" Coy.	'129734'
MACDONALD	ANGUS	09-04-17	4th	12th	72nd Bn.		'130145'
HOOD	ROBERT ALEXANDER	12-04-17	4th	12th	73rd Bn.		'126387'
SIMPSON	MILTON	09-04-17	4th	12th	73rd Bn.		'132892'
RIBCHESTER	ROBERT DAWSON	09-04-17	4th	12th	78th Bn.		'147261'
GREENS	JOHN	09-04-17	4th	12th	85th Bn.		'222334'
BOYD	ARCHIBALD ARTHUR	09-04-17	Pioneers		67th Bn.		'103101'

# ATTACHMENT #8

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT. 21.2.21. Army Form W. 3372.

**GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.**  
(This report cancels all previous reports.)

No. 1. District. REPORT No. 54 SCHEDULE No. 21.9.

PLACE OF BURIAL:- NINE ELMS MILITARY CEMETERY.  
Commune:- T H E L U S.  
Map Reference :- Sh. 51b.A.17.a.10.75.

The following are buried here:—

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U'd.	Plot, Row and Grave
<u>PLOT. 1. ROW "G" (Contd.)</u>						
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER.				✓ G. 17.
		" CANADIAN "			All	✓ 18.
		" <sup>British</sup> A SOLDIER.			27/285	✓ 19.
6/ Seaforth Hldrs	<sup>266016</sup> <del>2808</del>	FRASER. ✓	Sgt. J	28/4/17	PH/16537 559/1334	✓ 20.
4/ Can. Bn.		UNKNOWN	L/Cpl.	-/4/17		✓ 21.
<del>do</del>	<del>250867</del>	U. C. S	Pte.	"		✓ 22.
<del>do</del>		" SOLDIER.		"		✓ 23.
4/ Can. Bn.	141363	SUMMERS. ✓	Pte.	"	Crosses	✓ 24.
4/ Canadian Bn.	213738	BEATTIE. ✓	Pte. A.E.	"		✓ 25.
	<del>800144</del>	<sup>U. B. S</sup> BLOOMFIELD. ✓	Pte. G.W.		24 2550	✓ 26.
3/ Canadian Bn.		UNKNOWN SOLDIER.				✓ 27.
16/ " "	737242	CLARK. ✓	Pte. J.	9/4/17		✓ 28.
16/ " "	718847	<sup>M14</sup> MARTIN. ✓	Pte. W.	"	Erected	✓ 29.
16/ " "	427642	COCKETT. ✓	Pte. H.	7/4/17		✓ 30.
		UNKNOWN CANADIAN.		"		✓ 31.
		" "		"		✓ 32.

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# ATTACHMENT #9

**CONCENTRATION OF GRAVES.**  
EXHUMATION AND RE-BURIALS.  
**Burial Return.**

REF. MAP 51B 1/40000  
NUMBER 18.  
20/5/19.  
54/197  
1868  
"A"

D.G.R. & L.  
RECEIVED  
23 MAY 1919

Plot.	Row.	Grave.	Approximate Map reference where body found.	War cross found on grave.	Particulars on cross found on grave.	Were any effects forwarded to Base.	Remarks.
1	E	6	A 10 d 9.3.	NO	NIL ✓	NO	Wooden Cross R.I.P. 21477 Pte Portson 16th. Bn. Canadian. Unknown Canadian. 3 Unknown British Soldiers.
1	E	7	A 10 d 3.5.	NO	NIL ✓	NO	
1	E	8	A 10 d 18.10	NO	NIL ✓	NO	
1	E	9					
1	E	10					
1	G	21	A 10 d 3.5.	YES	G.R.U.2. In memory of the undermentioned soldiers who fell in Action in April 1917 and are buried at this spot. OA 2 Rockinocourt 51B N.W.1. A 10 d 3.5. An unknown L/Corporal. 759867 Pte An unknown Soldier. 141363 Pte. Summers. 13733 Pte. A.E. Beattie. 4th. Canadian Bn. 300144 " C.W. Bloomfield An unknown Soldier. 3rd. Canadian Bn. Pte. Jno Clark formerly 11th. Bn. Canadian. 718647 Pte. W. Robertson. 16th. Canadian Bn. 427642 Pte. H. Cockett. 16th. Canadian Bn. An Unknown Canadian.	NO	Wooden Cross R.I.P. 21477 Pte Portson 16th. Bn. Canadian. Unknown Canadian. 3 Unknown British Soldiers.
1	G	22					
1	G	23					
1	G	24					
1	G	25					
1	G	26					
1	G	27					
1	G	28					
1	G	29					
1	G	30					
1	G	31					
1	G	32	A 10 d 1.8.	NO	NIL ✓	NO	Unknown Canadian.
1	G	33					
1	G	34					
1	G	35					

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# ATTACHMENT #10

21.

No. of Contract.....dated.....  
 Name and Address of Firm.....

**Imperial War Graves Commission.**

Schedule "A" Page.....  
 Name of Cemetery.....  
 NINE ELMS M.C.

**COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) OF HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS**  
 to this report is attached  
**COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE TEXTS**  
 (those headstones to be inscribed with texts are underlined)  
 and  
**TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS** (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design).

To be stencilled on foot of headstones below ground level abbreviated thus.....  
 NINE EL. M.C.

Badge Design No. and Layout No.	1st Line. Number and Rank.	2nd Line Initials, NAME and Honours.	3rd Line Regiment.	4th Line Date of Death. <small>In any instance where the entry "NONE" appears in Col. 6, the Age will be omitted from the Headstone and the Date of Death centred laterally.</small>	Age	Centre of Stone. Relig. Emb.	To be stencilled on foot of Headstones below ground level. Plot P. Row R. Grave G. P. R. G.	No. of Stone
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1202/1G 53	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	A CANADIAN REGIMENT			CROSS	1 G 18	301
LAYOUT 1B 36	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR				CROSS	1 G 19	302
1054/1A 53	266016 SERJEANT	J. FRASER	SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS	28TH APRIL 1916	NONE	CROSS	1 G 20	303
1202/1G 54	UNKNOWN CANADIAN LANCE CPL.		(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT, INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H.)				1 G 21	304
1202/1G 52	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	A CANADIAN REGIMENT	APRIL 1917	<del>CROSS</del>	CROSS	1 G 22	305
1202/1G 51	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	4TH BN. CANADIAN INF.	APRIL 1917		CROSS	1 G 23	306
1202/1G 55	141363 PRIVATE	E.J. SUMMERS	4TH BN. CANADIAN INF.	9TH APRIL 1917	AGE 21	CROSS	1 G 24	307
1202/1A 50	213738 PRIVATE	A.E. BEATTIE	4TH BN. CANADIAN INF.	9TH APRIL 1917	NONE	CROSS	1 G 25	308
LAYOUT 1B 36	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR				CROSS	1 G 26	309
1202/1G 52	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	3RD BN. CANADIAN INF.			CROSS	1 G 27	310
1202/1A 48	737242 PRIVATE	J. CLARK	16TH BN. CANADIAN INF.	9TH APRIL 1917	NONE	CROSS	1 G 28	311
1202/1A 56	718847 PRIVATE	W. MC MARTIN	16TH BN. CANADIAN INF.	9TH APRIL 1917	AGE 34	CROSS	1 G 29	312
1202/1A 56	427642 LANCE CPL.	H. COCKETT	16TH BN. CANADIAN INF.	9TH APRIL 1917	AGE 27	CROSS	1 G 30	313
1202/1G 52	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	A CANADIAN REGIMENT	APRIL 1917		CROSS	1 G 31	314
1202/1G 52	A SOLDIER	OF THE GREAT WAR	A CANADIAN REGIMENT	APRIL 1917		CROSS	1 G 32	315

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# ATTACHMENT #11

1. NO.		2. RANK OR RATING		3. SURNAME		4. CHRISTIAN NAMES	
213738		Private		BEATTIE		Arthur Ernest	
5. UNIT OR SHIP		6. DATE OF CASUALTY		7. H.Q. FILE NO.		8. RELIGION	
4th Battalion		9-4-17		649-B-15177		Methodist	
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY				10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN			
<p>"Killed in Action"</p> <p>This soldier was killed by concussion, during the advance at VINNY RIDGE.</p>							
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY							
Farbus Wood							
NOTE:—Items 12, 13 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.							
12. CEMETERY		13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY		14. GRAVE LOCATION		15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE	
MILITARY Nine Elms Cemetery		3 miles North of Arras, France.		Grave 25 Plot 1 Row C			
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN		17. EXPOSURE NO.		18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO			
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHEET.							

20. REPORTED LOCATIONS OF GRAVE.

Exhumed from  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles South South East of Neuville St. Vaast,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  miles North of Arras,

21. REMARKS.

## **ATTACHMENT #12**

This “*Reporting and Review*” attachment is provided to assist all parties in the submission of an investigative report related to the identification of the burial location, or headstone markings, of a member of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF) during the Great War 1914-1921. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) receives a copy of this report in the event they wish to make changes to the commemoration details. In order to alter the records, the CWGC has set out their criteria for the procedure and submission of cases for review, as detailed below. The CWGC is under no obligation to make changes based on a report.

<b>Procedure:</b>	<b>Guideline Criteria for Submission:</b>
All new identification cases need to be assessed in the first instance by the Canadian Agency (CA) and submissions should go to their office directly. After an initial assessment, if the Agency feels that the case is compelling, they will then pass all the documentation to the Commemorations Team at the Commission's Head Office. Head Office will then review the case and inform the CA of their findings. The Canadian authorities will then decide whether or not any changes to the arrangements for commemoration are required and inform the Commission accordingly.	Cases need to present clear and convincing evidence to prove the identity of a casualty and must not be based on assumption or speculation. The Commission's Commemoration Team will also consider whether the findings of a better informed contemporary investigation are being revisited and if there is any new evidence to consider. By way of example, it is unlikely that the Commission would support a revision of the arrangements for the commemoration where it is apparent that no new evidence is being presented and, a better informed previous decision is being revisited some 100 years later.

The following have participated in the preparation, review and submission of this report on a voluntary basis. Those noted below have read the investigative report and compared it to the criteria set out by the CWGC, as a guiding principle, and have agreed to have their name included as part of the review team. The CWGC may contact any of the reviewers at the e-mail address provided below.

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